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HARYANA GOVERNMENT
HARYANA STATE AIDS CONTROL SOCIETY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Notification

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No. 3/80/2021-3HB-III.— In pursuance of Section 15 subsection (1) under chapter VII of The Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (Prevention and Control) Act 2017, the Governor of Haryana is pleased to make the following scheme namely “Financial Assistance to People living with HIV/ AIDS” in Haryana.

Objective

PLHIVs require lifelong Anti-Retroviral Treatment (ART) to prevent severe life-threatening opportunistic infections. Along with issues such as low immunity, low energy levels and shorter life expectancy, these people also face various vulnerabilities of job insecurity, poor access to healthcare facilities, poor access to nutritional support and education for their children. Further, HIV related social stigma and discrimination diminishes their access to work and medical treatment. They face discrimination even within the family. The scheme shall provide financial assistance to persons, affected with HIV/AIDS. This will help beneficiaries in improving their nutritional status, physical capacities and their quality of life.

1. Eligibility Criteria

The eligibility for availing financial assistance under the scheme shall be as under:-

- I. The applicant should have been residing in Haryana for 3 years at the time of submission of application. The applicant shall submit two valid residence proofs for availing benefit under the Scheme- Ration Card / Election Identity Card / Electoral role / Pan Card / Driving Licence / Passport / Water or Electricity Bill / House or Land record documents / LIC Policy / House Rent Deed / Permanent resident certificate / 5 year domiciliary certificate of the husband .
- II. The applicant should be on regular Anti Retroviral Treatment at any of ART / Facility Integrated Anti Retroviral Therapy (FIART) Centre in Haryana.
- III. The applicant should have made the monthly visit (for taking the ART Drugs) in the preceding month and documented in the ART Green Card by the ART Centre Nodal Officer.

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- IV. The applicant should be on regular ART treatment and should have valid certification from the ART/ FIART Centre, where the treatment is going on. This includes possession of Government sanctioned White Card or Green booklet, which is provided to the person upon commencement of the treatment.
- V. The income of the applicant from all sources together does not exceed, Rs. 2,00,000/-(Two Lacs) per annum.
- VI. In case of HIV Positive Children on ART treatment, the payment of the financial assistance shall be made to his / her parent / guardian with whom child is residing or in case of orphan the payment would be made to the institution where the child is residing.
- VII. The financial assistance to the eligible people living with HIV/AIDS will be continued throughout life.

2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE :-

- I. The Financial Assistance to each eligible individual shall be provided @ Rs. 2250/- (Two Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Only) per month or as amended by the Government from time to time.
- II. The Financial Assistance shall be provided to each eligible beneficiary irrespective of the number of PLHIVs in the family.
- III. The Financial Assistance will be in addition to any other Social Protection Scheme availed by the applicant like widow pension, disability pension or old age Pension etc.

3. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING APPLICATION, SCRUTINY, SANCTION.

- I. Application will be submitted to the Nodal Officer/ In charge of ART/FIART Centre. Data Entry, verification of documents & eligibility etc. will be the responsibility of concerned Nodal Officer/ In charge of ART / FIARTC of the concerned district. **Related Checklist and Formats will be provided by ART Centres.**
- II. Role of NIC for maintaining confidentiality of PLHIV and their eligibility conditions.
 - The confidentiality factor of the HIV patients will be inbuilt in the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system to protect their identity. Nodal Officer / Incharge of ART/FIART Centre will provide the necessary input to the Financial Assistance / Pension portal operated by NIC on behalf of Haryana AIDS Control Society. A Committee comprising of Nodal Officer / Incharge of ART / FIART centre, Accounts Person and Counsellor will give the approval to beneficiary after verification of all eligibility conditions. After getting approval from the Committee, the data of beneficiaries will be shared to the concerned Civil Surgeon. NIC will provide login / password to concerned Civil Surgeon, where PLHIV resides.
 - The Committee comprising of Nodal Person/Incharge, Account person and Counselor at ART/FIART Centres shall be provided Survival Certificate i.e beneficiary is alive and receiving regular treatment on Quarterly basis.

4. MODE OF PAYMENT :-

- I. Financial Assistance will be transferred into the bank account of beneficiary through Direct Bank Transfer as per Eligibility Criteria mentioned above. PLHIVs will give the bank detail and Aadhar Card number in prescribed format (Available at ART) for the purpose of DBT (Direct Benefit Transfer) to concerned ART/ FIART Center where PLHIVs getting treatment.
- II. This Financial Assistance Scheme will be linked to the regular treatment on monthly basis. The ART / FIART centre will inform the details of eligible PLHIVs that had been taking regular treatment during the preceding month to the respective district Civil Surgeon by 5th of every month. Thereafter, concerned Civil Surgeon will release Financial Assistance to the beneficiaries of his/her district by 10th of every month and report of same will be shared to Project Director, HSACS by 15th of every month in prescribed format. If ART/FIART centre gives medicine more than one month to the beneficiary, the same will be intimated to the concerned Civil Surgeon and accordingly Financial Assistance will be released.
- III. On the basis of numbers of beneficiaries, the budget allocation would be made.
- IV. All the transaction of funds will be done through bank transfer. In case of a child Financial Assistance / Pension shall be disbursed in the joint account of child & parent or guardian or Institution.

5. STOPPAGE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:-

- i. Financial assistance shall be provided for the entire life of the applicant. However, Nodal Officer/Incharge of ART/FIARTCs will have the right of stop payment of allowance, if any stage it is found that it was sanctioned on a mistaken ground or false information or the condition for which the Financial Assistance was granted no longer exists.
- ii. Financial assistance shall cease to be payable on the death of a beneficiary.
- iii. In case financial assistance is sanctioned on the basis of wrong information given by the applicant in his/her application form, the amount given would be recovered as arrears of land revenue and the beneficiaries shall be liable for prosecution.

6. CHANGE OF ADDRESS :-

It shall be obligatory on a PLHIVs to intimate any change of address to Nodal Officer /Incharge of ART / FIARTCs.

7. The Project Director, Haryana State AIDS Control Society will be overall Incharge of this Scheme and Competent Authority to issue necessary instructions from time to time for its proper implementation.
8. This issues with the approval of competent authority & concurrence of Finance Department conveyed *vide* their U.O no. 01/82/2019-3FG-11/21837 dated 20.08.2019 and comes into force with immediate effect.
9. This Scheme will be applicable throughout the State of Haryana.

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